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Ref: 2234-22594

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Bigenerina Humblei Zone, Reservoir A
CHANDELEUR SOUND BLOCK 73 FIELD
St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Bigenerina Humblei Zone, Reservoir A, in the Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 800 acres for the Bigenerina Humblei Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the BIG HUM RA SUA, Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached revised plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and unit well for the BIG HUM RA SUA created herein;
5. To permit applicant, The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC, to drill, designate and utilize The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC-Biloxi Marsh Lands 28 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for the BIG HUM RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
6. To confirm The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC as the operator of the BIG HUM RA SUA;
7. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the BIG HUM RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit;

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8. To grant a single unit allowable for the BIG HUM RA SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowable from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from both wells at its option;
9. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the sand and reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation, and
10. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Bigenerina Humblei Zone, Reservoir A in the Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 10,534 feet and 10,808 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Meridian Resource & Exploration LLC-Biloxi Marsh Lands 28 No. 1 Well, located in Section 28, Township 15 South, Range 17 East, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on February 21, 2005. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Jim Hardwick of James F. Hardwick & Associates, Inc. presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. A compromise was reached by the parties wherein the unit for the BIG HUM RA SUC has been dropped and the BIG HUM RA SUA and BIG HUM RA SUB are now combined to create an 800 acre unit as the BIG HUM RA SUA. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the BIG HUM RA SUA and showing the location of the alternate well, Chandeleur Sound Block 73 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick, P. 1101 S. Hugh Wallis, Suite 101, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

